UGC has launched a scheme, namely, Teacher Preparation in Special Education (TEPSE). Commission has provided assistance to five Colleges/ Universities each, in the year 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 to start special education programme at B.Ed./M.Ed. level, under the scheme.

Rehabilitation Council of India is also running B.Ed. and M.Ed. programme is special education in 24 Universities/Governments and Non-Governmental training centres. In addition to this, RCI has countrywide joint programme through 50 study centres in B.Ed. in special education with Madhya Pradesh Bhoj Open University, through distance education. More than 1,000 trainees are getting successful training each year.

Kendriya Vidyalayas in Uttar Pradesh

†365. SHRI MUNNAVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the locations of Kendriya Vidyalayas in Ghaziabad, Saharanpur, Muzaffarnagar, Jyotiba Fule Nagar districts in Uttar Pradesh and the level of study being imparted therein;

(b) the details of the subjects for which teachers are not available in each of those Vidyalayas;

(c) since when these posts have been lying vacant and the steps taken by the Sangathan to fill them up; and

(d) the steps being taken to open more Kendriya Vidyalayas in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) The location of Kendriya Vidyalayas in these districts in Uttar Pradesh and the level of study being imparted therein is as under:—

District	Name of KV	Highest Class
Ghaziabad	1. No. 1 Hindon	XII
	2. No. 2 Hindon	XII
	3. VKV Ghaziabad	XII
	4. Babugarth Cantt.	XI
	5. OF Muradnagar	XII

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

District	Name of KV	Highest Class
Saharanpur	1. AFS Sarsawa	XII
Muzaffarnagar	1. Muzaffarnagar	XI
Jyotiba Fule Nagar	Nil	

(b) and (c) Details of the subject-wise vacancies of teachers alongwith the dates from these vacancies exist is given in the Statement (*See* below). Arising of vacancies in Kendriya Vidyalayas is due to many factors like retirement, voluntary retirement, resignation, deputation, death etc. Sangathan has already initiated the process of calling the candidates for interview for the post of PGT and TGT after the conclusion of the second stage examination for the said posts. Sangathan has already instructed all the Vidyalayas for making appointment of teachers on contractual basis till such time the regular incumbent reports for duty so that the studies of the children are not affected.

(d) Due to budgetary constrainst, at present there is no proposal to open more Kendriya Vidyalayas in the country (in Civil/Defence sector).

Statement

Subject-wise vacancies of teachers in Kendriya Vidyalayas in Uttar Pradesh

Post/ Subject	Kendriya Vidyalaya						Total
	No. 1 Hindon	No. 2 Hindon	VKV Ghaziabad	Babugarh	Murad-Nagar	Sarsawa	Muzaffar-Nagar	
PGT (Chem.)				1 (01.04.02)				1
PGT (Comm.)			1 (29.06.02)		1 (05.04.02)			2
PGT (Eco.)					1 (05.04.02)	1 (05.04.02)		2
PGT (Geo.)	1 (15.06.02)							1
PGT (Phy.)				1 (01.04.02)				1

Post/ Subject	Kendriya Vidyalaya							Total
	No. 1 Hindon	No. 2 Hindon	VKV Ghaziabad	Babugarh	Murad-Nagar	Sarsawa	Muzaffar-Nagar	
PGT (Bio.)				1 (01.04.02)				1
TGT (Eng.)		1 (15.03.02)			1 (20.07.01)	1 (01.04.02)		3
TGT (S. St.)		1 (Posted but not joined)						1
HM	1 (Last two years)					1 (01.05.95)		2
TOTAL:	2	2	1	3	3	3	—	14

*Figures in brackets are the dates since when vacancies exist.

SC Directive for mid-day meals in schools

366. DR. KARAN SINGH:
DR. AKHILESH DAS:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the orders issued by the Supreme Court directing the Central and State Governments to provide cooked mid-day meals in all the schools, from January, 2002, stressing that this implement the Constitution (93rd Amendment) Bill, 2001, and would provide a major boost for below poverty line families to educate their children;

(b) if so, what steps have since been taken by the Central and the State Governments to ensure provision of cooked mid-day meals to school children, indicating the provision of funds for the schemes; and

(c) how far this has given a boost to school enrolments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) The Hon'ble Supreme Court *vide* their order dated 28.11.2001 have directed